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**PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING
AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES
EFFECTIVE JUNE 10, 2026**

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The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota has approved amendments to Local Rules 6.1, 7.1, 17.1, 47.2, and 83.12. After issuing for public comment proposed amendments to the rules and reviewing the recommendations of the Federal Practice Committee, chaired by Jeya Paul, the Court approved the amendments effective June 10, 2026. A summary of the amendments is provided below. To view this and the amended Local Rules, please visit the Court's website at www.mnd.uscourts.gov.

LR 6.1 – Motions to Extend Time

The previous LR 6.1 has been abrogated because it includes an “extreme good cause” standard that is not defined, and also because the current rule’s requirement that continuance motions be in writing is redundant of LR 16.3(a) and LR 7.1(b). New LR 6.1 has been adopted to govern motions to extend time. New LR 6.1 creates a consistent and more streamlined process for requesting an extension to a deadline, and clarifies that LR 7.1 does not apply to such requests. New LR 6.1 does not apply to motions to modify a scheduling order, which are governed by LR 16.3.

LR 7.1 – Civil Motion Practice

The adopted provision 7.1(b)(4)(B)(iii) was created in conjunction with new LR 6.1. The new provision in LR 7.1 clarifies that requests for extensions of time are not governed by LR 7.1 but instead by the more streamlined procedures in new LR 6.1.

LR 17.1 – Settlement of Action or Claim Brought by Guardian or Trustee

The adopted amendments clarify that LR 17.1 is not limited to diversity actions and wrongful-death actions. The Minnesota procedure referenced in LR 17.1 is found in the Minnesota Rules of General Practice.

LR 47.2 – Contacts with Jurors



The adopted amendments clarify the Court's authority to prohibit party contacts with jurors after jurors have been discharged from service. If a judge grants permission to contact jurors after discharge, parties' attorneys must follow Minnesota Rule of Professional Conduct 3.5.

LR 83.12 – Complaints Against a Judge

LR 83.12 has been abrogated because it merely references statutory authority and existing rules governing the filing of a complaint against a judge. This information is available through the Court's public website.